

1979-03-01

BUSM News & Notes: March 1, 1979 no. 19

<https://hdl.handle.net/2144/21836>

Boston University

News & Notes

Boston University School of Medicine



Issue #19
March 1, 1979

DEYKIN WILL HOLD MAURICE STRAUSS CHAIR

Daniel Deykin, M.D., chief of medicine at the Boston Veterans Administration Medical Center, and a professor of medicine at BUSM and Tufts, will become the first person to hold the newly created Maurice B. Strauss chair in medicine. The establishment of the chair has been announced by Dean John I. Sandson, M.D., Lauro F. Cavazos, M.D., dean of Tufts Medical School, and Carlton Smith, director of the BVAMC.

Deykin's assumption of the chair, the first in the country to be located at a Veterans Administration medical center, will become official during a two-day symposium at the BVAMC Thursday and Friday, March 22 and 23.

Deykin is the holder of the only joint, named professorship at two medical schools in the country. An expert in hemostasis, he was named one of the country's top five teachers of hematology last year by the American College of Hematology.

The new chair honors Strauss, the first chief of medicine at the BVAMC, a professor of medicine at BUSM for many years, and a former professor of medicine and associate dean for student affairs at Tufts.

The March symposium will focus on the role of the Veterans Administration in the national health-care system and on Strauss's contributions to medical education. In addition, it will include a seminar on hemostasis to be chaired by Deykin.

INGELFINGER NAMED DISTINGUISHED PHYSICIAN AT BEDFORD VA HOSPITAL

Franz J. Ingelfinger, M.D., has been honored by being named Distinguished Physician at the Rogers Memorial Veterans Administration Medical Center (formerly the Bedford VA Hospital). The announcement was made by Dr. James Crutcher, chief medical director of the Veterans Administration in Washington, D.C., and by Charles Colburn, M.D., director of the hospital.

The distinguished physician post, an honor shared by only 11 other physicians in the United States, is funded by a special Veterans Administration program.

Ingelfinger is a BUSM professor emeritus of medicine and editor emeritus of the New England Journal of Medicine. He also received the 1976 Abraham Flexner Award for Distinguished Service to Medical Education.

PRINCE PRIZE GIVEN HURST AS 'OUTSTANDING RESEARCHER'

Michael W. Hurst, Ed.D., an assistant professor of psychiatry (psychology), was recently awarded the 1978 Morton Prince Prize by the American Psychopathological Association as the outstanding young researcher of the year. The prize was awarded for his paper entitled, "Life Changes and Psychiatric Symptom Development: Issues of Content, Scoring and Clustering." The prize, which is not necessarily awarded every year, is given to a researcher with less than 10 years of doctoral experience who has written an outstanding research paper in the mental health field.

Hurst is currently director of the Psychological and Biobehavioral Test Center of University Hospital.

FAMILY PRACTICE SYMPOSIUM TO BE HELD HERE MAR. 17 A symposium on family practice, sponsored by SCOMSA AND AMSA (American Medical Student Association), will be held in Bakst Auditorium Saturday, March 17, from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Speakers will include Stephen Smith, M.D., BUSM '72, currently a University of Connecticut faculty member and undergraduate educational program coordinator for the UConn department of family practice; David Smith, M.D., director of the family practice residency program at the BUSM-affiliated Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston, Maine; and Jorge Prieto, M.D., chairman of the Department of Family Practice at Cook County Hospital in Chicago. Following the symposium, refreshments will be served on the 14th floor of the instructional building, where participants will be available for discussion.

SCHMID PRESIDENT-ELECT OF SOCIETY OF COMPLEX CARBOHYDRATES Karl Schmid, Ph.D., a professor of biochemistry, recently was named president-elect of the Society of Complex Carbohydrates, an organization of 400 biochemists whose research includes investigations of glycoproteins, mucopolysaccharides and related compounds.

Schmid will assume the presidency of the Society in July, and, as president, will host the organization's annual meeting at BUSM in September of 1980. He has already invited several renowned investigators from abroad to deliver guest lectures.

With the support of several NIH grants, Schmid is currently studying the isolation and characterization of glycoproteins, particularly those of human plasma.

CHALLENGE CAMPAIGN STILL WELCOMES DONATIONS More than \$28,000 has been contributed to the 1978 Challenge fundraising campaign, reports Catharine Cook, director of development. Donations are still being accepted toward a goal of \$30,000 for the replenishment of the Student Revolving Loan Fund maintained by faculty and alumni.

"I'm very pleased that many of this year's 143 donors were new contributors," Cook said. "One of the aims of the Challenge program was to reach the people who had never before given to the fund."

CONSORTIUM UNIT AT BUSM PLANS PSRO POLICY STRATEGY Planning of a long-range policy strategy for the national Professional Standards Review Organization program is one of several projects currently being conducted by the Boston University unit of a tri-institutional University Health Policy Consortium.

Paul M. Gertman, M.D., a BUSM associate professor of medicine and deputy director of the Consortium, said the Consortium's health-care quality and effectiveness unit, based at BUSM and headed by Gertman, will complete a number of its current projects, including the PSRO strategy plan, by late spring.

Besides Boston University, the Consortium includes Brandeis University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. It was funded in June 1978 by the Health Care Financing Administration to conduct public health policy and research studies.

OGILBY FINALIST IN YOUNG INVESTIGATOR'S COMPETITION Fourth-year student J. David Ogilby has been named one of five finalists in the Young Investigator's Award Competition of the Annual Scientific Meeting of the American College

of Cardiology, to be held March 11 to 14 in Miami Beach. Ogilby's winning manuscript, entitled "Effect of Retrograde Systolic Stretch on Ischemic Myocardium," resulted from work done during a fourth-year research elective in the BUSM cardiac muscle research laboratory under the direction of Carl S. Apstein, M.D., an associate professor of medicine.

The A.C.C.Y.I.A. competition is open to researchers from the level of fourth-year students to assistant professors under 35 years of age.

PETERS RECEIVES TRAINING GRANT IN NEURO-ANATOMY Alan Peters, Ph.D., Waterhouse professor of anatomy and chairman of the Department of Anatomy, is the principal investigator for a five-year, \$320,000 training grant awarded by the National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorder and Stroke. Peters will work with eleven other anatomy department faculty members in training pre- and postdoctoral students in neuro-anatomy.

PRE-LEUKEMIA CHANGES TO BE FOCUS OF ECKNER STUDY Robert Eckner, Ph.D., an assistant professor of microbiology, has been awarded \$100,000 by the Leukemia Society of America for support of his five-year research project entitled "The Biological and Physical Properties of Acute Leukemia Virus."

The study will attempt to pinpoint changes that occur in the body before the onset of leukemia. "The ability to detect pre-leukemia," Eckner said, "in addition to increasing our insight concerning the cure and prevention of the disease, will have far-reaching implications for all forms of cancer."

AHA GRANT TO ROTHSCCHILD FOR STUDY OF MEMBRANES Kenneth Rothschild, Ph.D., an assistant professor of physiology and of physics, was recently awarded a five-year Established Investigatorship grant by the American Heart Association for support of his research project entitled "Biophysical Investigation of Oriented Biological Membranes." The study, said Rothschild, will be used "to develop new techniques to probe changes in biological membranes, such as those found in muscles and nerves."

SCOMSA PARTY CALLED 'BEST IN 4 YEARS' More than 300 people attended the SCOMSA-sponsored party for employees and students at BUMC Saturday night, Feb. 10, in the Hiebert Lounge. Beer, wine, snacks and good music combined to make the party, which lasted until 2 a.m., a huge success. One fourth-year BUSM student said, "It was the best party I've been to in my four years in Boston." Another SCOMSA party is planned for the spring.

CORRECTION The February issue of News & Notes incorrectly reported the faculty titles of Burton Sack, M.D., and Joel Solomon, M.D. Both are associate clinical professors of medicine.

BRIEFLY NOTED Hugues J-P Ryser, M.D., Ph.D., a professor of pathology and pharmacology, will speak on chemical carcinogenesis at a symposium entitled "The Environment: A Medical Symposium on the Effects of the Environment on Humans," to be held March 9 to March 11 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The symposium is sponsored by the 804th Hospital Center at Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford....Dennis Slone, M.D., and Samuel Shapiro, M.B., F.R.C.P. (E), codirectors of the Drug Epidemiology Unit, are coauthors of an article entitled, "Drug Evaluation After Marketing: A Policy Perspective," in the February issue of Annals of Internal Medicine....A site visit to BUSM by representatives of the Commonwealth Fund, which

supports the MMEDIC program, is scheduled for March 15 and 16....Nicholas J. Fiumara, M.D., M.P.H., BUSM '39, and director of the Massachusetts Division of Communicable and Venereal Diseases, is the author of "The Sexually Transmissible Diseases," which constitutes the December 1978 issue of Disease-a-Month....Beginning July 1, 1979, two positions will open at each of twelve VA hospitals for those interested in two years of geriatrics study and clinical experience. Candidates must be certified or eligible for certification in internal medicine, family practice or psychiatry. For more information contact John H. Mather, M.D., Chief, Medical/Dental Division (141B), VA Central Office, Washington, D.C. 20420. Telephone (202) 389-5171.

NEWS & NOTES is a regular monthly publication of the Office of Informational Services. If you have news of possible interest to the School of Medicine community, call editor Lorraine Loviglio, x5606 (247-5606), or write to her at the Office of Informational Services, P-300 (720 Harrison Ave., Boston, MA 02118).

News & Notes

Boston University
School of Medicine
Office of Informational Services
720 Harrison Ave., Suite 600
Boston, MA 02118

Nonprofit Organization
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Boston, Mass.
PERMIT NO. 56031
